



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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ATTENTION!

In the coming weeks, the City of Glendale is updating the software system used for bulletins. Please watch for a message from the Information Technology Department with simple instructions how to switch your account to the new database. We are confident the upgrade will result in Glendale bulletins being much more user-friendly.

Thank you for reading the Ocotillo Weekly Update!

Citizen Task Force on Water & Sewer. Thanks to all the residents who have volunteered for the Citizen Task Force on Water and Sewer!

Openings for interested residents are still available, but the April 1 application deadline is approaching. This Task Force will consider all issues related to water and sewer services, including rate structures.

Please consider an appointment to this Task Force. Glendale residents, including current board and commission members, are eligible to apply. [Click here](#) to fill out an application online, or call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249 for more information.

Have You Heard? The Glendale Civic Center will be the first conference center in Arizona to install the latest technology to enhance the quality of sound for its clients with hearing loss. The Civic Center will install an [induction looping system](#) after receiving a Deaf and Hard of Hearing grant with partial funding from the [Arizona Community Foundation](#) (ACF). This type of technology is comprised of a wire within the building that transmits an audio signal directly to a hearing aid, eliminating background noise, thus creating clear communication with speakers, musicians and presentations.

The new induction looping system is expected to be in place at the Glendale Civic Center by the end of the year. The venue offers nearly 40,000 square feet of rentable space for government,

business and social events, and is the largest public meeting conference center in the West Valley and one of the largest in the state. For more information about the facility, including a video tour, visit www.glendaleciviccenter.com or call (623) 930-4300.

Summer Safety Fair - March 17. The Citizens' Police Academy Alumni of Glendale (CPAAG), in partnership with the Glendale Police Department, the Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Transportation Department present the 4th Annual Summer Safety Fair on March 17th at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Fun activities for the whole family and free to the public.

Shred it and Forget it. Bring your old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal info to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave., and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road.

[Click here](#) for more information on these and other upcoming community events offered by the Glendale Police Department.

Teen Library Council Meeting. Are you looking for something fun to do that can actually make a difference? By becoming a Teen Library Council member, you can earn volunteer service hours, have a good time and meet new people, all while helping to make the library a better place for teens.

Attend the Thursday, April 19 Teen Library Council Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch's teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3441.

Around Town

Free Community Health Lecture Series. *What You Need to Know About Asthma* will be presented by William Peppo, D.O., FACOI, FCCP. Asthma affects more than 300 million people around the world and is increasing in prevalence every year. Dr. Peppo will discuss the symptoms and diagnosis of asthma, provide instruction on monitoring and treating asthma and discuss asthma medications and their effects. This lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 20 in the Roadrunner Room at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. This year's festival is an official Arizona Centennial event! Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Admission is free. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4200.

Green Festival – March 31. Join us for Glendale's Annual Green Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 for free energy saving devices, classes, industry experts from over 30 agencies and businesses and a free Family Zone. The event will be held at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. [Click here](#) for more information.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

The Glendale Summer Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 46th season beginning June 7 in downtown Glendale.

Produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 7 through July 26, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

The Glendale Summer Band, conducted by John Faris, is the longest-running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. The band was formed in 1966, originally playing at O'Neil Park, and moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on June 28 in celebration of Independence Day. The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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